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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Jui-Lin Chen : Group
Serial No: 10/618,620 : Art Unit #1634
Filed: 15 July 2003 : Examiner:
Title: METHOD FOR DETECTING A PROPENSITY OF : C.J. Myers
AN INDIVIDUAL TO RESPONSE EFFECTIVELY :
TO TREATMENT OF INTERFERON AND
RIBAVIRIN COMBINED THERAPY

AMENDMENT

Mail Stop – Amendment
Honorable Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The Examiner issued an Office Action dated 21 November 2005 in the above-referenced Patent Application. The reply period having now expired, a Request and fee for a three (3) month Extension of Time is concurrently filed herewith to ensure timely filing.

Responsive to the Office Action dated 21 November 2005, please amend the above-referenced Patent Application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 19 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 21 of this paper and include one (1) replacement sheet.

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Reply to Office Action dated 21 November 2005

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 22 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including one (1) replacement Drawing sheet of Fig. 1 is attached following page 24 of this paper.